

fight racism



FIGHT FASCISM

Fascist successes in the European elections are a wake up call to the working class and the left. They show the potential for fascism to grow in the months and years ahead.

New Labour is responsible for this growing threat: it's love-in with the global corporations means increasing deprivation, poor housing and crumbling services, breeding despair among the poorest workers.

The economic crisis gripping the world threatens to turn us against each other instead of against the main enemy, capitalism.

The Labour party, pro-capitalist and unable to solve the crisis of their system, is whipping up racism. It has scapegoated refugees for the cuts in services and lack of affordable decent housing. Brown recently used the term 'British jobs for British workers' and now we see it taken up by some sections of workers terrified of losing their jobs. It has accused the Asian community of not doing enough to assimilate, while it is the Labour-

geared towards achieving this.

The protest against the England Defence League in Birmingham in August 2009 show the way forward - mass protest to drive them and other fascists off the streets.

First off, we need a workers' united front against fascism as the basis of the movement. Anti-fascist, anti-racist, community, trade union, youth and anti-capitalist organisations must come together into one mighty force to throw back the fascists every time they try to meet, march, campaign or stand in elections. We must deny the fascists any platform to spread their views. Even allegedly harmless 'family festivals' like Red White and Blue are dangerous organising centres for reactionary racists and fascists, this is why it must be shut down.

Second, we need well-organised teams of stewards capable of dealing physically with the fascists – only this can make the slogan "no platform" really mean no platform. BNP leader Nick

Griffin plays 'Mr. Respectable' for the cameras while his storm troopers are out ambushing Asian taxi drivers and battering them with baseball bats, fire-bombing Asian shops and organising racist attacks.

The fascist gangs can and must be stopped – by any means necessary. We can drive them back into their sewers by teams of stewards organised by the movement and accountable to it.

Finally, we need to support community self defence. Racist gangs are emerging who are hell bent on terrorising muslim and asian communities. Well organised and vigilant community defence is essential.

What is fascism?

Too many "anti-fascists" are quick to throw the label of "fascist" at any right-wing politician or figure of authority that they dislike.

Our immediate aims in the months ahead should be

SELF DEFENSE IS NO OFFENSE!

On the big anti-war demos that took place around the country last year, some people even called Tony Blair a "fascist". The threat posed to ordinary people by a pro-business Labour government is not the same as that posed by an organised fascist movement led by the likes of the British National Party (BNP).

Fascist parties use reactionary ideas that are prevalent within society as a whole - such as nationalism, racism, religious sectarianism, and homophobia - to provide them with a unifying ideology. But

Fascists don't just try to win elections - they try to build a movement that violently attacks, terrorises, intimidates and harasses convenient scapegoats for the failures of the capitalist system. It is out of this movement that fascism hopes to construct fighting squads to attack the organisations of the working class as a whole - such as trade unions, anti-racist organisations, socialist and communist parties.

Fascism needs to be seen on the streets and project an image of "strength" to be able to grow. As BNP leader Nick

"ONLY ONE THING COULD HAVE BROKEN OUR MOVEMENT - IF OUR ENEMIES HAD UNDERSTOOD ITS PRINCIPLE AND FROM THE FIRST DAY HAD SMASHED THE NUCLEUS OF OUR MOVEMENT WITH EXTREME BRUTALITY."

(ADOLF HITLER, 1933)

so do many other parties - meaning that you cannot, for example, identify a party as "fascist" solely on account of its hostility to immigration or its promotion of "traditional family values". It is what fascism does, and not just what it says, that makes it dangerous.

To take immigration as an example - racist politicians of the mainstream parties whip up anti-immigrant hysteria and then propose the "solution" of restrictive immigration laws to deal with the "problem". Fascists conduct and/or encourage a guerrilla war against immigrant communities by individual racists and gangs of racist thugs.

Griffin said in 1993: people backed "what they perceived to be a strong, disciplined organisation with the ability to back up its slogan 'defend rights for whites' with well directed boots and fists."

The BNP have started to march on the streets more, new fascist gangs like the England Defence League are emerging, and we need to fight back. What is needed is a new anti capitalist party that can unite the resistance to the crisis, against war and racism and fight for socialism. Only a revolutionary alternative to the despair of capitalism can finally end racism and fascism.

**DISARM THE POLICE
END THE SUS LAWS
POLICE OUT OF OUR COMMUNITIES**

NOT ON OUR SIDE

The police aren't on our side. They protect the fascists, and arrest anti-racists who fight back. They use any extra rights or weapons that they get against us. The more toolled up with laws and guns, the more people of colour who they stop and search, harass, or even kill, such as the black man they shot dead in Brixton in July 2001 for having a lighter.

The police are an organised force above society, occupying our neighbourhoods, breaking workers' strikes and repressing any movement fighting for a better world, such as the anti-capitalist movement. They exist to protect the law and order of the rich against the poor.

We don't need the police. Under Socialism communities would police themselves, we would organise ourselves to stop anti-social crime like rape, murder, robbery and vandalism. We would legalise drugs under the control of society, not organised crime, and allow youth the space to make music & create art like graffiti without criminalising them. We would destroy the poverty that causes crime with a massive programme for jobs, education, housing. Capitalism can't do any of that. It can only give us more police in order to keep us down.

a revolutionary youth organisation to unite all those opposed to capitalism and the misery, alienation, war and environmental destruction it creates. That means: **fight the oppression** the racism, sexism and homophobia that the system produces **end the rule of the bosses** their corporations, banks and states - organising ourselves to fight back and overthrow their domination of society: **for a socialist society** one that we run collectively ourselves, based on need not profit.

internationalism not nationalism Solidarity with workers & youth around the world, & liberating the Third World!

direct action the way to win our struggles and reclaim our organisations - trade unions, student unions - from the bureaucrats.

win the working class to revolution, uniting the power of the working class to the radical ideas and spirit of struggle of the anticapitalist youth.

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